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MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
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The following President's Act, enacted on the 31st December, 1971 and numbered as Act No. 26 of 1971, is hereby published for general information:—

THE POLICE WEST BENGAL AMENDMENT ACT 1971
No. 26 OF 1971

Enacted by the President in the Twenty-second Year of the Republic of India

An Act further to amend the the Police Act, 1861, in its application to the State of West Bengal.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the West Bengal 31 of 1971 State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1971, the President is pleased to enact as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be called the Police (West Bengal Amendment) Act, 1971.

Application of the Act.

2. The Police Act, 1861, shall, in its application to the State of West Bengal, be amended in the manner hereinafter provided.

Substitution of new section for section 4A of Central Act 5 of 1861.

3. For section 4A of the Police Act, 1861, as applicable to the State of West Bengal, the following section shall be substituted, namely:—

"4A. (1) If, at any time, the State Government considers it necessary so to do, it may appoint one or more officers to be Special Inspectors General of Police and may also appoint one or more Officers to be Additional Inspectors General of Police, and each of the Officers so appointed shall be subordinate to the Inspector General of Police.

(2) The Special or, as the case may be, Additional Inspector General of Police shall be competent to exercise all or any of the powers conferred on, and perform all or any of the functions or duties imposed upon, the Insptctor General of Police by or under this Act or any other law for the time being in force."

V. V. GIRI,
President.

N. D. P. NAMBOODIRIPAD,
Joint Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Reasons for the enactment

Sections 4 and 4A of the Police Act, 1861, in its application to West Bengal, provide for the appointment of an Inspector General of Police and an Additional Inspector General of Police. In the context of the deteriorating law and order situation in West Bengal and the large influx of the refugees from Bangla Desh, the responsibilities of the Inspector General of Police have become far too heavy to be souldered by this Officer assisted by only one Additional Inspector General of Police. It has, therefore, become necessary to strengthen the supervisory level. In the years to come, with increasing population in the States and the likelihood of certain unwieldy districts like 24-Parganas being bifurcated, the West Bengal Police are likely to need more than one Additional Inspector General of Police and perhaps more than one Special Inspector General of Police (who will be equivalent in rank to the Inspector General of Police of the State, but subordinate to him in status).

2. The law as it stands does not permit of this and so it is considered expedient to amend the Police Act, 1861, in its application to West Bengal to provide for the appointment of one or more than one Special Inspector General of Police and also one or more than one Additional Inspector General of Police.

3. This enactment is intended to achieve the above objects.

4. The Committee constituted under the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 3 of the West Bengal State Legislature (Delegation of Powers) Act, 1971 (31 of 1971) has been consulted before the enactment of this measure as a President's Act.

GOVIND NARAIN,

Secy. to the Govt. of India,

Ministry of Home Affairs.

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